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This office action is in response to Applicant's proposed amendment and response after FINAL filed on November 4, 2008.

Applicant's proposed amended claims, adding new limitations requiring that the polysaccharide is starch, agar, or guar gum, present a new issue for consideration by the Examiner since the scope of the claims has been changed and would thus require further consideration and new rejections. Applicant's arguments are moot because they are drawn to the proposed amended claims not entered.

All rejections of record in the Final Office Action dated August 4, 2008 are maintained in view of the proposed amendment After Final not entered.

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